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OPA Daily Digest for 7/30/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. John Shimkus (Ill) – 7/1/13: Rep. Shimkus requests a West Lake Landfill site visit. Due: 7/8/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa) – 7/22/13: Requesting status of a letter asking for clarification regarding the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Sen. Chuck Grassley (Iowa) – 7/25/13: Requesting clarification regarding EPA's stance on the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Lawrence Journal-World – Scott Rothschild – 7/30/13: Questions about a storm water inspection at a facility in Kansas. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Des Moines Register (Blog) - Espey: Let the sun shine: Branstad must come clean about secret EPA meeting - 7/29/13 - On Tuesday, July 23, while Governor Terry Branstad basked in the lights of a highly-choreographed RAGBRAI ride from Perry to Van Meter, his office facilitated a secret meeting behind closed doors between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other "stakeholders" and "state agencies".
<http://abetteriowa.desmoinesregister.com/2013/07/29/espey-let-the-sun-shine-branstad-must-come-clean-about-secret-epa-meeting/>

New York Times - Gangplank to a Warm Future - 7/28/13 - MANY concerned about climate change, including President Obama, have embraced hydraulic fracturing for natural gas. In his recent climate speech, the president went so far as to lump gas with renewables as "clean energy."
http://www.nytimes.com/2013/07/29/opinion/gangplank-to-a-warm-future.html?_r=0

Pittsburgh Courier - 'Environmental Racism': Future of toxic St. Louis EPA Superfund site to be announced - 7/30/13 - Over the past several decades, thousands of African

American children at the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club in north St. Louis have played across the street from one of the most contaminated sites in the region: an old carburetor factory abandoned nearly 30 years ago.

<http://www.newpittsburghcourieronline.com/index.php/featured-news/national/15572-environmental-racism-future-of-toxic-st-louis-epa-superfund-site-to-be-announced>

St. Louis Business Journal - EPA settlements clear way for \$30 million cleanup of Carter Carburetor Site - 7/29/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency has reached settlement agreements with ACF Industries, Inc. and Carter Building Inc., which will allow work to begin before the end of the summer on a \$30 million environmental cleanup of the 10-acre Carter Carburetor Superfund Site in North St. Louis, EPA officials announced Monday.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/07/epa-settlements-clear-way-for-30.html>

St. Louis Public Radio - Toxic Carter Carburetor Site In North St. Louis To Be Cleaned Up -- At Last - 7/29/13 - The old Carter Carburetor Superfund site on North Grand Boulevard will undergo a long-awaited \$30 million remediation, the Environmental Protection Agency announced on Monday.

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/toxic-carter-carburetor-site-north-st-louis-be-cleaned-last>

KTVI-TV - Neighbors optimistic about Carter Carburetor clean-up - 7/29/13 - The homes, businesses and even a Boys and Girls Club sit in the shadow of the toxic eyesore. For years Carter Carburetor's old building represented decay and hopelessness.

<http://fox2now.com/2013/07/29/neighbors-optimistic-about-carter-carburetor-clean-up/>

KTVI-TV - Details of Carter Carburetor clean-up announced - 7/29/13 - There's new optimism for an historic neighborhood on North Grand Blvd. The huge vacant building that once housed Carter Carburetor is coming down.

<http://fox2now.com/2013/07/29/details-of-carter-carburetor-clean-up-announced/>

St. Louis Beacon - Officials kick off cleaning up Carter Carburetor Superfund Site - 7/29/13 - Federal and local officials marked a milestone today in cleaning up the Carter Carburetor Superfund site in north St. Louis. The polluted and abandoned manufacturing facility has sat dormant for several decades.

https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/32105/carter_epa_cleanup_kickoff?coverage=3706

St. Louis American - EPA reaches agreement to clean up Carter Carburetor site - 7/29/13 - By the end of the summer, the long-awaited \$30 million environmental cleanup of the former Carter Carburetor building in North St. Louis will be underway, officials announced today at the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club, 2901 North Grand Ave., which is adjacent to the building.

http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_141225cc-f888-11e2-9d7a-001a4bcf887a.html

Missourian - UPDATE: \$30 million cleanup planned for St. Louis Superfund site - 7/29/13 - Over the past several decades, thousands of children at the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club in north St. Louis have played across the street from one of the most contaminated sites in the region: an old carburetor factory abandoned nearly 30 years ago.

<http://www.columbiamissourian.com/a/164136/update-30-million-cleanup-planned-for-st-louis-superfund-site/>

Nebraska Radio Network - Sen. Johanns moves to keep EPA from releasing personal info on farmers (AUDIO) - 7/30/13 - Legislation has been filed in the United States Senate to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from releasing the private information of farmers and ranchers.

<http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2013/07/30/sen-johanns-moves-to-keep-epa-from-releasing-personal-info-on-farmers-audio/>

MSN Money - St. Louis Superfund site to get \$30M cleanup - 7/30/13 - Over the past several decades, thousands of children at the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club in north St. Louis have played across the street from one of the most contaminated sites in the region: an old carburetor factory abandoned nearly 30 years ago.

<http://money.msn.com/business-news/article.aspx?feed=AP&date=20130730&id=16753469>

The Washington Post - New EPA head McCarthy outlines ambitious agenda in Harvard speech - 7/30/13 - In her first public speech since taking the helm of the Environmental Protection Agency two weeks ago, Administrator Gina McCarthy told an audience at Harvard Law School cutting carbon pollution will "feed the economic agenda of this country."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2013/07/30/new-epa-head-mccarthy-outlines-ambitious-agenda-in-harvard-speech/>

The Washington Times - EPA, critics at odds over pollution regulations' effect on jobs - 7/30/13 - Critics contend that the Obama administration's Environmental Protection Agency is crushing jobs in the coal industry and elsewhere by implementing a host of new regulations.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/jul/30/epa-critics-odds-pollution-regulations-effect-jobs/>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

DRA:

None

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

8/7/13 – Attending quarterly meeting with MDNR, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

9/18/13 – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

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None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

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None

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8/5 - 9/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/12 - 16/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/13-14/13 – EPA/DOD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program conference, Washington, DC.
Contact: Clint Sperry, 7157

8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

WWPD

7/28-31/13 – Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Workgroup for Skills Marketplace, Washington, DC. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

* **8/1/13** – Meeting with Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, David Cozad, 7587, Leslie Humphrey, 7227

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